GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Departmental action initiated against Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally Mandal, Karimnagar District (now retired) for violation of conduct rules – Charges framed – Explanation – Imposition of a penalty of lumpsum cut in gratuity equivalent to last annual increment for a period of two years – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.II.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 546 Date:07.05.2011.

Read the following:-

- 1. From DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.211/RCT-KNR/2008, dt.25.03.2009.
- 2. Govt.Memo.No.47241/Vig.II(2)/2008-4, dt.2.6.2009.
- 3. From CCLA Lr.Ref.No.VSI(4)/2321/2008, dt.3.11.2010.
- 4. G.O.Rt.No.21, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dt.04.01.2011.
- 5. From Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar (now retd) written statement of defence dt.29.3.2011.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities have trapped Sri S.Chandra Lingam, Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally (M), Karimnagar District on 08.09.2008 when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.15,000/- at his office from Sri Kanagandla Swamy @ Sadanandam S/o.Komuraiah, Mulkanur Village, Bheemdevarapally Mandal, Karimnagar District for doing official favour to release the tractor and trolley along with firewood, which was seized on suspicion of illegal transportation of firewood by the complainant on 06.09.2008. After conducting investigation, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has submitted final report recommending that the Accused Officer may be prosecuted in a court of law and also stated that the Accused Officer has failed to submit his Annual Property Returns to the competent authority from the date of entry into service till the year ending 31.12.2007. Hence, he has recommended to initiate departmental action against him.

- 2. Government have examined the matter and accorded sanction to prosecute Sri S.Chandra Lingam, Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally (M), Karimnagar District in a court of law vide G.O.Ms.No.642, dt.30.6.2009 and also initiate disciplinary action for violation of conduct rules, for not submitting Annual Property Returns to the department. Accordingly, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad was requested to initiate disciplinary action against him vide Government Memo dt.02.06.2009.
- 3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad has stated that the Charged Officer has retired from service on 31.01.2009 and the Government is the competent authority to initiate departmental action against the retired officer.
- 4. In the reference 4th read above, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally Mandal, Karimnagar District (now retired) on the allegation of not submitting annual property returns to the competent authority under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 (6) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

- 5. In the reference 5th read above, Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally Mandal, Karimnagar District (now retired) has submitted written statement of defence stating that he has joined as Junior Assistant on 21.12.1974 in Revenue Unit, Karimnagar District and subsequently he was promoted to the next higher cadre i.e. Senior Assistant, Deputy Tahsildar and Tahsildar having higher responsibilities and at the beginning of his service, he was not aware of the requirement of submission of annual property returns by the Government employees. Hence, he has requested to consider his explanation and drop further action against him.
- 6. After careful examination of the matter keeping in view the charges and the Written Statement of Defence, Government have observed that the charged officer has not denied the charge, instead he admitted to it saying that he did not know that such a return needs to be submitted and later he could not submit his Annual Property Returns due to pressure of work, Government have therefore, decided to impose a penalty of lumpsum cut in gratuity equivalent in amount to last annual grade increment for a period of two years on Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally Mandal, Karimnagar District (now retired). Accordingly, Government hereby imposed a penalty of lumpsum cut in gratuity equivalent in amount to last annual grade increment for a period of two years on Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally Mandal, Karimnagar District (now retired).
- 7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMNET

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The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. The District Collector, Karimnagar.

Copy to:-

Sri S.Chandralingam, former Tahsildar, Bheemdevarapally (M) (now retired) through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER